



Emily Levan Named USATF – New England Athlete of the Month for August



BOSTON – **Emily Levan**, age 32 of Wiscasset, ME, who runs for the Boston Athletic Association (B.A.A.), has been named USA Track & Field – New England’s Athlete of the Month for August 2005. Levan, competing for the U.S. National Team at the 2005 IAAF World Championships in Athletics in Helsinki, Finland on August 14, finished in 35th place in the women’s marathon, running a personal best of 2:38:32. Levan, who was the third American finisher, ran the race on short notice, replacing a runner who withdrew due to injury just a few weeks before the event.

Levan, a nursing student at the University of Southern Maine, was the first American female finisher at the 2005 B.A.A. Boston Marathon. Following the race in Helsinki, Levan expressed excitement at competing internationally for the first time, praised the support of the Finnish spectators and expressed satisfaction at running well and setting a PB.

Also at the IAAF World Champs in Helsinki, **Shalane Flanagan** of Marblehead, MA and the University of North Carolina, was the fastest non-qualifier in the women’s 5000m at 15:20.59 and **Amy Rudolph** of Providence, RI, ran a strong 15:32.73 in the same heat.

Joanne Dow of Manchester, NH won the USA 15km race walk hosted by USATF – New England in Watertown on August 7. Dow who finished

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in 1:14:13, is now the leader in the 2005 USA Race Walk Grand Prix. **Patrick Collier**, representing Athletics East, finished 3rd in the men’s race in 1:11:47.

At the USA Masters Outdoor Track & Field Championships held in Honolulu, Hawaii August 4-7, several New Englanders struck gold. In the W70 division **Flo Meiler**, of Huntington, VT won the 80m hurdles with a new American record as well as the pentathlon, pole vault and discus. In the W65 division, **Barbara Jordan** of Burlington, VT, like Meiler a member of the Green Mountain Athletic Association, also won four events; the pentathlon, 80m hurdles, 300m hurdles and the long jump. Other winners included **Mary Harada** of Liberty A.C. in the W70 400m and 1500m, **Norm Bouthillier** of Coventry, RI in the M40 3000m steeplechase, **Warren Graff** of Merrimac, MA in the M60 300m hurdles and **Carroll Blake** of Boston in the M55 800m.

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